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## HOUSE MEMORIAL 2001

A MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION THAT WOULD  
PROVIDE GREATER FEDERAL RESOURCES TO BORDER STATES FOR BORDER ENFORCEMENT.

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1 To the Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, illegal immigration has reached record levels, with some  
4 estimates placing the overall illegal immigrant population at between five  
5 and ten million individuals. This results in annual costs to society  
6 estimated in the billions of dollars due to the extra funds spent on  
7 education, health care, welfare and corrections programs; and

8 Whereas, the nation's border states, including Arizona, are  
9 particularly hard hit by the influx of illegal immigrants across their  
10 borders. Among the more serious problems that accompany illegal immigration  
11 are increased drug smuggling and crime; and

12 Whereas, this state does not condone the illegal immigration of  
13 individuals into this country and it supports the efforts of the United  
14 States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and its enforcement arm,  
15 the Border Patrol, to vigorously enforce the immigration laws of this  
16 country; and

17 Whereas, while the INS and Border Patrol are charged with enforcing  
18 current immigration laws, those laws do not go far enough toward preventing  
19 the illegal entry of immigrants into this country, requiring border states  
20 to rely on their own resources to combat this growing problem; and

21 Whereas, state resources would be less strained in the fight against  
22 illegal immigration by the provision of federal funds to increase border  
23 patrol measures in border states. Further, congressional action to expand  
24 the scope of the Posse Comitatus Act to allow greater military involvement  
25 in the patrolling of United States borders would give states much-needed  
26 assistance in preventing the entry of illegal immigrants and in fighting  
27 terrorism, drug smuggling and crime problems; and

28 Whereas, article IV, section 4 of the Constitution of the United States  
29 provides that "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union  
30 a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against  
31 Invasion." This confirmation of our national sovereignty validates this  
32 request for additional resources to protect our borders from illegal  
33 immigration and the harmful crime and drug problems that accompany it.

34 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of

35 Arizona, prays:

36 1. That the Congress of the United States introduce and enact  
37 legislation that would increase effective border controls, including the  
38 provision of greater funding for border states and laws that would allow for  
39 increased military presence along this nation's borders.

40 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
41 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
42 of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress  
43 from the State of Arizona.

~~PASSED BY THE HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 17, 2003.~~

~~FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FEBRUARY 18, 2003.~~

Passed the House February 17, 20 03

by the following vote 37 Ayes

22 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Jake Flake  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

German L. Moore  
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Memorial received by the Secretary of State

H.M. 2001

this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 20 03

at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Janice K. Brewer  
Secretary of State